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AgFest 2010

CSU Extension Combines Agriculture and Science to Reach Youth



Michael Fisher teaches kids about the different parts of the cow's digestive system

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Can you name a tool that is used to multiply force?
What three types of organisms cause disease?

If you can't answer these questions, perhaps you should ask your son or daughter. CSU Extension recently celebrated AgFest 2010 by entertaining and educating approximately 300 Colorado 5th and 6th graders with a combination of agriculture and science.



Ron Meyer talks about germination and how plants grow

"It is time to get the message to the American youth that agriculture is important to both themselves and their families," said Mick Livingston, Golden Plains Area Extension Agent. "To help meet this goal, AgFest 2010 has been created to educate Colorado students about agriculture and the science of food production. It is vital that we have an informed public to make decisions regarding agricultural policies."

The new venture focuses on bringing a positive message about the science behind agriculture to students and teachers; the program features interactive stations, information about agriculture, and plenty of fun to keep kids entertained.

"AgFest is a great opportunity for Colorado teachers to tap the knowledge of our agricultural leaders," said John Stulp, Commissioner of Agriculture. "There is often a disconnect between families and food production. The lessons learned during AgFest helps to bridge that gap while teaching physics and mathematics in a fun environment."



Commissioner Stulp discusses the importance of agriculture with students in Lamar

This year, AgFest 2010 reached approximately 300 students in three locations: Brush, Seibert, and Lamar. The goal is to expand the event to reach more students each year.

FYI...

Q. What are the three things needed for a chicken egg to hatch?

A. Proper Temperature, Proper Humidity, and Fertilization

Q. Can you name a tool that is used to multiply force?

A. Pulley, Lever, Gear, etc.

Q. What three types of organisms cause disease?

A. Viruses, Bacteria, and Protozoa